

Dad of Blue Laws Primed For Omaha

Dr. Wilbur Crafts Here to Urge Recreation Commission To Supervise Movies, Dance Halls and Cabarets.

Says Skirts Too Short

Rev. Dr. Wilbur F. Crafts of Washington, D. C., so-called father of the blue laws, arrived in Omaha yesterday, all primed to combat the "evil forces which are lowering the standard of our social life."

While he showed a willingness to heretofore dance halls, automobile joy rides, cabarets and short skirts, Rev. Mr. Crafts will devote the next few days here in urging the formation of a "comprehensive recreation commission."

He specifies this commission should be composed of about 15 persons. There should be representatives of the Y. M. C. A., the Woman's club, the Boy Scouts, or one or two paid workers and one person appointed by the mayor, he says.

The duty of the commission would be to supervise motion pictures, dance halls and cabarets and to advise places where the young can get wholesome amusement.

No Place to Go. "Such a commission is imperative to the city," said Rev. Mr. Crafts. "Why, do you know the young people are going to the devil because they have no place else to go. The dance halls and automobiles are taking the place of the old saloon."

"I will advocate a revival of home life. There should be an hour after supper when the family can get together—sing religious and patriotic songs and read a Bible story interesting to the children."

"We're raising a generation of spoiled children. Too many of them come from homes where the parents are nothing but boarding houses—places in which to eat and sleep."

Rev. Mr. Crafts showed his irritation when he asked if today's laws would "take away, rather than add to the proper recreation of the young."

No Unday Laws Pending. "There are no Sunday laws pending," he declared. "That is a matter for each state to determine. The attack on me by motion picture and anti-prohibition forces is merely an attempt to create an 'amoral' moral legislation."

Rev. Mr. Crafts smiled in amusement at what he went on to term the absurd of how he wielded a power to forbid everyone from everything but church on Sunday, "painted by the press and motion picture interference."

The International Reform bureau, of which I am superintendent, is backing but three bills and one amendment in congress," he said.

The first bill is to strengthen the Volstead act, by stopping efforts to get legislation permitting medicinal beer to be sold in some states.

Would Stop Drug Shipments. "The second bill is to stop the shipping of morphine to China and Japan, except to supply the absolute needs of the country. As it is, much of the morphine exported is smuggled back to this country. The third is an anti-gambling bill to stop race track gambling and the transportation of gambling machines from one state to another."

"Then there is the Jones amendment."

Rev. Mr. Crafts paused. It was an expressive pause, of the sort that might well dampen the ardor of a youthful lover.

"Ah, that is a most important amendment," he continued. "It is an amendment to stop divorce. It will give congress more control over marriage and divorce."

"Does it prohibit love at first sight?" inquired the interviewer.

"No, but it will prevent hasty marriages."

"Do you believe in long engagements?" the interviewer asked on the verge of asking, but Rev. Mr. Crafts continued:

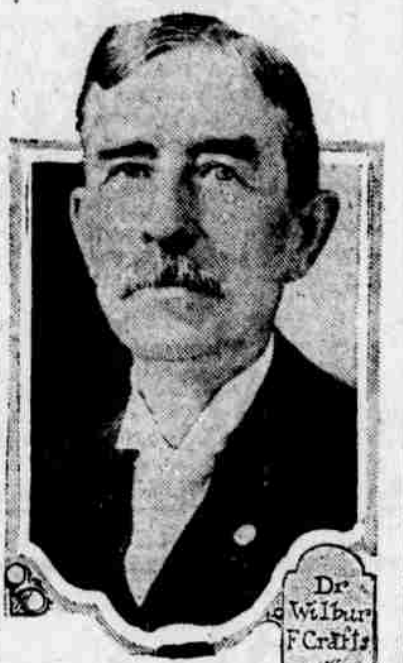
Little Romance in Elopement. "There is very little romance in elopements nowadays. Elopements are a start on the trip to matrimony. The amendment will prevent an actress from getting a rich young man drunk and then marrying him."

"Do you know the interests which labeled me father of the blue laws almost had the automobile industry with 'em," he chuckled dryly. "They had me thinking I would prohibit automobile riding on Sunday."

"How about short skirts?" he was asked.

"Well," he replied, weighing his words over this important problem, "I believe it is time American women cut loose from the dictation of Paris designers."

Noted Reformer Here On Moral Campaign



Youth Drowned While Swimming With Companion

Efforts of Lad to Save Pal Futile; Police and Farmers Dragging River for Body.

Herbert Townsend, 19, son of Mrs. Ina Townsend, 4918 South Eighteenth street, South Side, was drowned while swimming in the Missouri river at a bend in the stream at the foot of Z street yesterday afternoon about 2.

Young Townsend, in company with Milver Thomas, 16, son of Earl Thomas, Eighteenth and N streets, left the Townsend home about 1 yesterday afternoon, arriving at the river about 2.

"We took off our clothes," said young Thomas, "and both dived into the river at a bend about half way between Z and Washington streets. After swimming around we started for the shore and I heard Herbert yell. I looked around and saw him sink. I swam to him and tried to help him to shore, but he sank the third time and did not come up again. I started for the shore and went home and told my father, who called police."

Detectives Joe Baughman and Marshall Gleason hurried to the scene and, aided by scores of volunteers, dragged the river where Townsend was last seen. According to farmers living in the neighborhood, the river is about 16 feet deep where the boy lost his life. They say an undercurrent likely has taken the body several miles down stream.

The distraught mother said her two sons that she had warned her boy to stay away from the river. Besides his mother, young Townsend is survived by two sisters, Laurabelle, 15, and Mrs. Lillian Yates, 323 North Eighteenth street. The boy formerly was employed at the plant of the Iren Biscuit company, but recently had been working with a grading crew on the South Side.

At a late hour last night scores of farmers and police in boats were searching for the body.

Damage to Fruit Minimized by U. S.

No General Shortage Has Resulted From Freezing, Is Report.

Washington, May 20.—Damage to fruit crops from freezing in some sections of the country has not resulted in a general shortage, the Department of Agriculture said today.

Georgia peaches and California cherries are already showing upon the markets, while the strawberry crop was said to be abundant in several places.

A good crop of apples and peaches is expected in Colorado and an average yield in New England and New York. Utah will probably have only a 30 per cent peach crop. Fair crops of blackberries and raspberries are looked for in Missouri.

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"Well," he replied, weighing his words over this important problem, "I believe it is time American women cut loose from the dictation of Paris designers."

Asked concerning motion picture censorship, he asserted producers were eager to produce better pictures and that he favored a national board similar to the interstate commerce commission to supervise the production of films.

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Scientist Is Praised By President

Harding Presents Gift of Gram Of Radium, Purchased by American Women, To Madame Curie.

Value Placed at \$100,000

Washington, May 20.—A gram of radium purchased by the contributions of thousands of American women was presented by President Harding to Madame Curie, the eminent Polish scientist, as a token of the nation's appreciation of her accomplishments and as an earnest expression of American interest in the advancement of science and humanitarianism.

At the same time the president expressed a fervent hope that the scientific principle of radio activity established by Mme. Curie in the research work which led to her discovery of radium might be found to dominate also the relations of mankind in the present world crisis, so that the yearnings and aspirations of the many may radiate a new spirit of service to the souls of chosen leaders.

Formal presentation of the gift to Mme. Curie, who came to this country expressly to receive it, was made at the White House at a ceremony attended by high officials of the government and by a committee of those responsible for raising the purchase fund of \$100,000. The radium will be used to continue research work for prevention of disease.

Pays Tribute. President Harding paid tribute to the personal attainments of the distinguished visitor, to the spirit of womanhood typified by her and to the national traditions which lie behind her native Poland and her adopted country, the French republic.

"We greet you as foremost among scientists in the age of science, as leader among women in the generation which sees woman come tardily into her own," said the president. "We greet you as an exemplar of the victories in the generation wherein liberty has won her crown of glory. In doing honor to you we testify anew our pride in the ancient friendships which have bound us to both the country of your adoption and that of your nativity."

"It has been your fortune, Mme. Curie, to accomplish an immortal work for humanity. We bring to you the meed of honor which is due to pre-eminence in science, scholarship, research and humanitarianism. But with it all, we bring something more. We lay at your feet the testimony of the love which all the generations of men have been wont to bestow upon the noble woman, the unselfish wife, the devoted mother."

Source of Inspiration. "A number of years ago a reader of one of our earlier works on radio-active substances noted the observation that there was much divergence of opinion as to whether the energy of radio-active substances is created within those substances themselves or is gathered to them from outside sources and then diffused from them. The question suggested an answer which is doubtless hopelessly unscientific."

"I have liked to believe in analogy between the spiritual and the physical world. I have been very sure that which I may call the radio-active soul, or spirit, or intellect—call it what you choose—must first gather to itself from its surroundings, the power that it afterwards radiates in beneficence to those near it. I believe it is the sum of many influences borne in on great souls, to radiate, to illumine and serve those about them."

20 Irish Police Are Ambushed at Galway

Galway, Ireland, May 20.—(By The Associated Press.)—Sixty armed men ambushed a district inspector of constabulary and 20 policemen under him at Westport this morning.

One constable was killed and one wounded and four of the attacking party were killed and six wounded.

The police attacked the ambushers' entrenched position and carried it. The men defending the position were routed and fled across country, pursued by the government forces.

Arms, ammunition and bombs were captured.

South Dakotans Find Way to Beat Blue Laws on Base Ball

Deadwood, S. D., May 20.—A novel business organization was formed here last night to provide Sunday base ball games to fans of the Black Hills in compliance with the Sunday blue laws. In a recent decision the supreme court said that the Sunday blue laws are unconstitutional.

Sunday base ball in South Dakota was illegal. At the meeting last night it was decided to form a stock company, the stockholders to be admitted free to all base ball games played here. A legal opinion was submitted that this plan was in accordance with the law.

The committee submitted an order providing for the transmission to District Attorney Pelletier of Boston of a copy of the testimony to use as he saw fit.

Harding to Quit Capital Saturday for Ocean Ride

Washington, May 20.—President Harding will leave Washington late tomorrow on the presidential yacht Mayflower and will reach New York Monday morning to speak at a banquet given by the management of the New York Commercial.

He also will review the 106th regiment in Brooklyn and will deliver an address at the Academy of Sciences. He will leave New York on the return voyage Monday night.

Alleged Box Car Thief Held at Plattsmouth

Plattsmouth, Neb., May 20.—(Special.)—What is believed to have been systematic robbery of Burlington freight cars at Council Bluffs and extending into eastern Nebraska, was run down by Special Agent Matthews of the Burlington, who captured a man living in his name as Ray Walker and his residence at Council Bluffs, while he was in the act of throwing merchandise from a car as the train slowed up along the grade at the east end of the Burlington bridge over the Missouri river here.

Two other men, who were waiting in an automobile to receive the stolen goods, made their escape. Walker is being held in county jail here, pending disposition of his case.

Rebel Leader of Mexico Hopeful

General Manuel Pelaez Says Country Firmly Resolved to Adjust Its Differences With America.

New York, May 20.—General Manuel Pelaez, one of the most active rebel leaders in Mexico during President Carranza's administration and a close friend of President Obregon, issued a statement here last night declaring that Mexico was firmly resolved to adjust its differences with the United States without feeling or prejudice. The general is now touring this country.

"President Obregon is determined to face with firmness," he said, "the responsibilities which have been collectively incurred during the past years of convulsive evolution when many errors and injustices were committed."

"I am sure that relations between the United States and Mexico have entered upon a new era of cordiality and co-operation."

General Pelaez said he was sure the oil problem in Mexico soon would be solved.

"Mexico acted within its rights in declaring in the constitution of 1917 its direct domain over the sub soil," he asserted. "No law can have a retroactive effect and the rights of all property, legally acquired prior to the formation of the constitution, must be respected, one and all."

Independence Not Asked by Filipinos

General Wood Finds Ilagan Natives Satisfied With U. S. Rule.

Ilagan, Isabella Province, P. I., May 20.—(By The Associated Press.)—The people of Isabella Province are satisfied with the rule of the United States and are not desiring independence, Governor Pascual Paguirigan of Isabella today told Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood, member of President Harding's mission to the Philippines to investigate conditions in the islands.

The governor said that the people are contented and satisfied to continue under American rule until the United States is ready to grant independence.

General Wood arrived yesterday at the capital here of the heart of the tobacco growing regions of the Philippines, 168 miles northeast of Manila.

Harding Praises Work Of Military Training Camps Association

Chicago, May 20.—A letter from General Pershing announcing his cheerful sympathy with the Military Training Camps association and its objects was read before the convention of that body at the general session today.

"Following its traditionally patriotic course, your association has aided materially in bringing to the notice of these camps to the attention of the country and I am confident that the deliberations of your present convention will be important and valuable," the letter read.

"I plan to visit as many of these camps this summer as possible to see the conditions and believe the purpose of these institutions is so closely interwoven with the question of adequate national defense that all Americans should render every assistance and encouragement."

New Cuban President Is Congratulated by Gomez

Havana, May 20.—Dr. Alfredo Zayas, upon assuming the office of president of Cuba today was cheered by a cablegram from General Jose Miguel Gomez, his opponent in the bitterly contested election of last November extending his felicitations and promising his co-operation.

General Gomez is at present in New York and his cablegram was considered an indication that his party, the liberals, would actively participate in the future work of the Cuban government. Negotiations with the United States have been endorsed by Dr. Zayas. As means of solving the acute financial stringency, he advocates an extension of the moratorium.

Coalitionists Win 221 Seats in Italy Election

Rome, May 20.—Final reports of the parliamentary elections in Italy last Sunday show that the coalition parties will hold 221 seats in the next Chamber of Deputies. The other political parties will be represented as follows: Fascists (extreme nationalists), 28; Agrarians, 22; socialists, 125; Catholics, 106; communists, 15; republicans, 9; Slavs, 5; Germans, 4.

The election of Slav and German deputies raises the question of the language to be used in the chamber.

Eugenic Marriage Law Effective in Wyoming

Cheyenne, Wyo., May 20.—The law requiring every man who takes out a marriage license in Wyoming to first have a doctors' certificate as to his physical condition, became effective in this state today. The law was passed by the last legislature.

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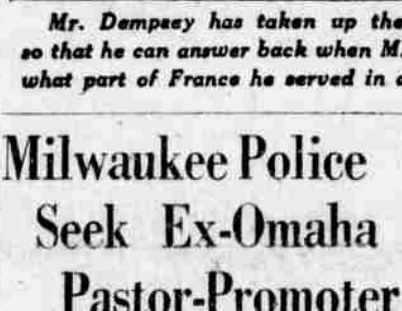
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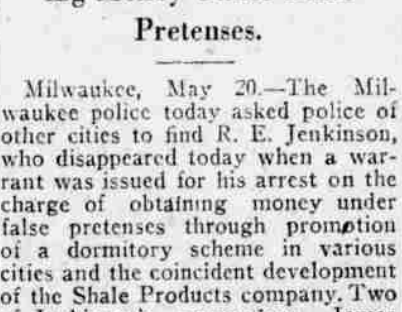
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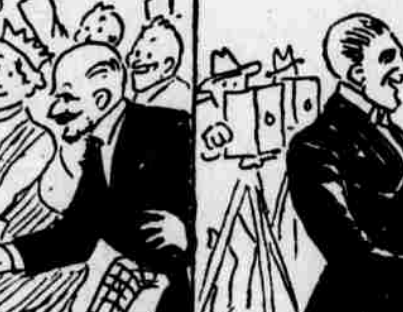
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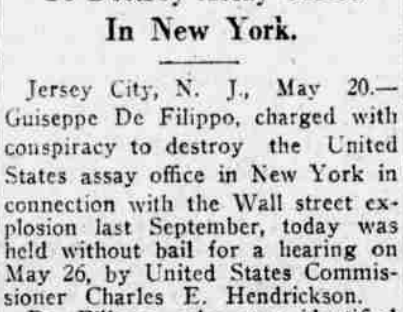
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Alliance Police Hold Man for Investigation in Connection With Union Pacific Train Robbery.

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Alliance, Neb., May 20.—(Special Telegram.)—Refusing to give his name or to answer any questions put to him by the officers, an unidentified man, gray-haired and apparently 55 years old, is held in the county jail, pending an investigation which the authorities believe will come of him with the robbery of a Union Pacific mail car between Cheyenne and Green River, Wyo., Wednesday night, and also with the attempted burglary of three Alliance stores early this morning.

When arrested at 4 a. m. by Night Marshal Eugene Stillwell he had in his possession about \$30 worth of postage stamps contained in a Union Pacific envelope and a ticket from Sidney, Neb., to Cheyenne, Wyo., stamped May 18, the date of the robbery of the Union Pacific mail car. Tight sacks of mail were stolen from the mail car and about \$100 worth of postage stamps. The prisoner refused to state whether or not he had been in Cheyenne recently.

His arrest followed a telephone message to the police station that a man was trying to force an entrance to the rear of the Golden Rule store. He was caught two blocks away, as he was coming out of an alley. Investigation showed that a crowbar had been used in an attempt to pry open the rear doors of the Golden Rule, also Harper's department store and the store of the Golden Rule. The crowbar was found in the alley near where the man was arrested.

The prisoner has maintained stolid silence since his arrest and appeared nervous when his finger prints were being taken. The finger prints have been sent to the Omaha bureau of identification. Officers are in communication with federal and county officials at Cheyenne.

Conspirators Ask Review of Cases

Men Convicted in India Plot File Petition for Re-hearing.

Washington, May 20.—A petition for review of the cases of Gustav H. Jacobsen, Albert H. Wehde, George J. Boehm and Heramba Lal Gupta, convicted at Chicago, October, 1917, on charges of "military enterprise" against the British government in India, was filed today with the supreme court.

The brief denied that the activities of the first three, all of whom were said to have been German sympathizers, could have been characterized as "military enterprise." It has been to distribute large sums to revolutionary societies in India. The defendant Gupta was a native of India.

"The final determination by this court of the true limitation placed by law upon the activities of those desiring to further the struggles of other peoples or races, is of vital importance today," the petition said.

James Connell, Omaha Student at Yale, Is Given Honor on Tap Day

New Haven, Conn., May 20.—"Tap day" was held at Yale today with the customary ceremonies. The three Yale senior societies selected 15 men each from the junior class and the Elhiu club also picked 10 members. The chief honor, that of being the last man "tapped" for skill and honor, went to Ward Cheney of South Manchester, Conn., a member of the varsity crew.

Among those "tapped" were: Wolf's Head: James R. Connell, Omaha, Neb.; Charles D. Pratt, Honolulu; Joseph E. Berman, Jr., Tacoma, Wash.; Justin C. Sturges, Nehawka, Neb.; Ralph G. Boalt, St Paul, Minn.

Exchange Rate on Day That Germany Pays to Govern

Paris, May 20.—Of the 150,000,000 marks in gold representing Germany's first payment to the reparations commission, 140,000,000 in foreign currency, bills of exchange and notes will be converted into dollars, according to the Temps. The other 10,000,000 marks will be shipped direct from Berlin to Paris.

Germany will be credited at the rate of exchange obtaining on the day the transfer is made and not at the rate prevailing May 13, as she suggested.

Defunct Auto Company Lost Money Every Year It Run

East St. Louis, Ill., May 20.—Recollections of the defunct Moore Motor Vehicle company, of Danville, introduced in federal court here today, show the company lost money every year since its organization four years ago.

Editor Indicted.

Deadwood, S. D., May 20.—William T. Harriman, editor and publisher of a Hot Springs newspaper, was indicted by the federal grand jury here yesterday on a charge of sending obscene literature through the mails. He was released on \$1,000 bond, to appear at the next term of court.

The Weather

Forecast. Fair and continued warm Saturday.

Hourly Temperatures.

5 a. m. 66 6 a. m. 68 7 a. m. 70 8 a. m. 72 9 a. m. 74 10 a. m. 76 11 a. m. 78 12 m. 80 1 p. m. 82 2 p. m. 84 3 p. m. 86 4 p. m. 88 5 p. m. 90 6 p. m. 92 7 p. m. 94 8 p. m. 96 9 p. m. 98 10 p. m. 100 11 p. m. 102

Slayer of Postal Clerk Is Sentenced to 50 Years

Albion, Tex., May 20.—Albert Rowan was found guilty today and sentenced to prison for 50 years for the murder of G. W. Street, a postal clerk, killed in a mail robbery here.

Helsingfors Dispatch Says Trotsky and Lenin Disagree

London, May 20.—A Helsingfors dispatch to the Central News today says that sharp differences of opinion regarding the composition of the Russian soviet government developed between Nikolai Lenin, bolshevik premier, and Leon Trotsky, war minister, at this week's meeting of the soviet council.

According to Moscow reports, the dispatch adds, Lenin advocated the inclusion of other than the bolshevik parties, but Trotsky severely criticized the suggestion and requested adjournment of the debate.

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